



Arizona Department of Public Safety

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Arizona Department of Public Safety Seizes 106 Pounds of Hydroponic High Grade Marijuana in Northern Arizona Traffic Stop

On Thursday, January 17th at 6:33 a.m., an Arizona Department of Public Safety Officer stopped a 2007 Chrysler 300 eastbound on Interstate 40 at milepost 260 (near Winslow) for speed and unsafe lane usage. The Officer walked his canine "Nino" around the vehicle. The dog alerted to the odor of narcotics. A probable cause search revealed 106.5 pounds of BC Bud (Hydroponic Marijuana).

The two occupants of the car told the Officer they were driving from Los Angeles back to Virginia. The Hydroponic Marijuana has a street value of approximately \$8,000 a pound.

Driver: Dave L. King 41, of Fairfax, Virginia

Passenger: Robert Hudak 39, of Manassas, Virginia

Both men were booked into the Navajo County Jail and face charges of possession of narcotics, possession of narcotics for sale and trafficking in narcotics.

Later that same afternoon, A DPS Officer stopped a vehicle for speeding on Interstate 40 near Holbrook and seized 103 pounds of hydroponic marijuana.

On January 8th, along the same stretch of highway, an Arizona Department of Public Safety Officer made a traffic stop seven miles east of Flagstaff and seized 12 Pounds of Cocaine. The driver was arrested and booked into jail and will face charges of possession of narcotics, possession of narcotics for sale and trafficking in narcotics.

The mission of the Arizona Department of Public Safety, one of the most dynamic state-level law enforcement agencies in the United States, is to protect human life and property by enforcing state laws, deterring criminal activity, assuring the safety of the motoring public on Arizona's highways and providing vital scientific, technical and operational support to other criminal justice agencies.

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